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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **DRIVER PLEADS GUILTY TO INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- José de Jesus Rivera, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced today that KYLE BRADFORD PETERSON, age 21, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, pleaded guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter in Indian Country, in federal district court in Phoenix, Arizona.

KYLE BRADFORD PETERSON had been charged with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1112 and 1153. On June 8, 2000, at approximately 5:00 a.m., while intoxicated Peterson was driving a pick-up truck northbound in the southbound lanes of State Route 101, within the confines of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Peterson collided head-on with another vehicle that was traveling southbound in the southbound lanes. The driver of that vehicle died from multiple injuries caused by the accident. Peterson had a blood alcohol level of .158.

A conviction for violating Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1112 and 1153 is punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of 6 years, a maximum fine of \$250,000.00, or both and a term of supervised release of 3 years. Sentencing is set for June 11, 2001 at 9:30 a.m.

The investigation of this case was handled by the Salt River Tribal Police and the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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The prosecution is being handled by United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix,  
Arizona.

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